निर्यात में वृद्धि हेतु योजना

3217. **श्रीमती जयप्रदा नाहटा:**
श्री नरेन्द्र मोहन:

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार इस तथ्य को ध्यान में रखते हुए कि देश में निर्यात में निर्धारित लक्ष्य के अनुरूप वृद्धि नहीं हो रही है, कोई विशेष योजनाएं बनाने का विचार रखती है; और

(ख) अगले वर्ष अर्थात 1997-98 के लिए क्षेत्रवार कितने निर्यात का लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है और क्या इस लक्ष्य को प्राप्त करने के लिए कोई नए उपाय सुनिश्चित किए गए है?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बोल्ला बुल्ली रमैया): (क) निर्यात संवर्धन किया जाना एक सतत प्रक्रिया है और नीतियों और प्रक्रियाओं का सरलीकरण करके, द्विपक्षीय व्यापार में सुधार करके, निर्यात संबंधी आधारभूत सुविधाओं की अड़चनें दूर करके, भारतीय उत्पादों की गुणवत्ता एवं प्रतिस्पर्धात्मकता में वृद्धि करके सरकार द्वारा समय-समय पर निर्यात संवर्धन के उपाय किए जाते हैं।

(ख) वर्ष 1997-98 के लिए निर्यात का लक्ष्य अभी निर्धारित नहीं किया गया है लेकिन इसके लिए निर्यात संवर्धन परिषदों से परामर्श जारी है। वर्ष 1997-2002 के लिए हाल ही में घोषित एग्जिम नीति में क्रियाविधियों के सरलीकरण के अलावा व्यापार करने के लिए अवरोध मुक्त वातावरण का प्रावधान है।

Quantitative restrictions on imports

3218. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Article XVIII (b) of GATT permits a developing country to continue with quantitative restrictions on imports;

(b) whether it is a fact that unless there is a voluntary abdication of this right on the country's part, no external agency can deny the country the exercise of this particular right; and

(c) whether Government have taken adequate safeguards so that the protection offered by this GATT Article is not thrown away?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) to (c) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Outdated methods of registration of tobacco farmers

3219. DR. MOHAN BABU:
SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tobacco Board follows outdated methods in granting new registrations for farmers in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that field officers are unhelpful to tobacco farmers;

(c) what steps are proposed to improve the image and functioning of the Tobacco Board in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Some of the steps taken by the Tobacco Board to assist tobacco farmers include:—

(i) Planting and regulation of production of tobacco to match demand and supply;

(ii) Implementing various developmental and extension scheme to improve the quality and yield of tobacco;

(iii) Conducting auction ensuring accurate weightment, classification and competitive prices;

(iv) Negotiating with tobacco trade for fixation of Minimum Guaranteed Price for Flue Cured Virginia Tobacco which is normally above the Minimum Support Price;

(v) Advising farmers through training programmes/meetings publicity to adopt improved varieties and package of practice recommended by the Central Tobacco Research Institute;

(vi) Providing financial assistance to the SC/ST/Small and marginal farmers for repair/reconstruction of barn demaged by the floods/heavy rain in Oct/Nov. 1996;

(vii) Opening 3 additional auction platform in Andhra Pradesh at Vellampalli, Podili and Kandukur.

Export potential of Karnataka State

3220. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total earnings from exports of the country during last two years and the contribution of different Export Processing Zones in such export, Zone-wise;

(b) what is the share of Karnataka in total exports of the country under different items produced in that State, item-wise;

(c) whether Government have recently reviewed the performance of different Export Processing Zones (EPZ) of the country, if so, the details of such review; and

(d) whether Government propose to set up EPZ in the State of Karnataka keeping in view the export potential of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) The total earnings from exports of the country during the year 1995-96 and 1996-97 (upto Feb., 97) are Rs. 106353 crores and Rs. 105691 crores, respectively. The contribution of Export Processing Zones during 1995-96 was 3.04% and during 1996-97 (upto Feb., 97) is estimated at 3.36%. Zonewise detail of export earnings during the above period is as per statement annexed. (see below).

(b) Statewise data on exports is not maintained.

(c) The performance of Export Processing Zones is under constant review and improvements in policy and procedure are effected on the basis of feed back from the trade and industry to ensure better performance. Recent changes include grant of additional Special Import Licence of 2% of FOB value of exports linked to achievement of higher level of exports, providing better domestic access including facility to supply/sell samples in the domestic market to procure export orders through buying agents and improving flexibility of operations by simplification of sub-contracting procedures.

(d) There is presently no proposal by Central Government to set up any EPZ in Karnataka. Export Processing Zones can however now be established by State Governments or in the joint/private sector.

Statement

Export earnings through Export Processing Zones.

(Rs. crores)

Zone	1995-96	1996-97 (April, 96-Feb., 97)
Kandla FTZ	325.29	324.53
Santacruz Electronics EPZ	1876.29	1788.21
Noida EPZ	496.89	457.61
Madras EPZ	391.92	817.67
Cochin EPZ	120.31	141.02